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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S LONDON VISIT

1. OFFICIALLY YOUR LONDON TRIP WAS THERAPEUTICALLY WHOLESOME. YOUR ADDRESS AT PILGRIM SOCIETY DINNER LAST EVENING WAS MAGNIFICENT ACT OF STATESMANSHIP WHICH CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED IN EDITORIAL IN DAILY TELEGRAPH THIS MORNING CAPTIONED "AN HISTORIC OFFER" AND WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: LAST NIGHT'S PROPOSAL BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE PILGRIMS' DINNER IN LONDON, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP IS OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD SIGNIFY ITS ACCEPTANCE AND PLEDGE ITS FULL COOPERATION. DR. KISSINGER IS PROPOSING THAT THE NATIONS OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN SHOULD ESTABLISH THE GROUP "OF SENIOR AND PRESTIGIOUS INDIVIDUALS", WITH A MANDATE TO DEVELOP WITHIN THREE MONTHS AN INITIAL ACTION PROGRAMME FOR COLLABORATION IN ALL AREAS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE "A VERY MAJOR FINANCIAL AND INTELLEC-

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TUAL CONTRIBUTION".

DR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL REPRESENTS AN AMERICAN INITIATIVE BOTH GENEROUS AND COURAGEOUS. IT DEMANDS TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. IF CARRIED TO FRUITION, IT COULD RANK IN THE SAME SCALE OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE FREE WORLD AS THE MARSHALL PLAN DID FOR EUROPE AFTER THE WAR. AS DR. KISSINGER POINTED OUT, THE ENERGY CRISIS IS NOT SIMPLY A PRODUCT OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI WAR; IT IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF WORLD-WIDE DEMAND OUTRUNNING THE INCENTIVES FOR SUPPLY. THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY, FOR EXAMPLE, BY EXPLOITING THE SEA BED, ARE GOING TO BE ENORMOUS. THE UNITED STATES IS OFFERING TO SHARE HER SKILLS AND RESOURCES WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THEM JOINTLY. HER OFFER SHOULD BE GIVEN AN UNQUALIFIED WELCOME. END QUOTE.

2. ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS TO YOU IN THE ARDUOUS DAYS AHEAD. WARMLY.

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